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SUBJECT: CCD: 746TH PLENARY SESSION, APRIL 21, 1977

REFS: (A) GENEVA 2938; (B) GENEVA 2922; (C) GENEVA 2687

1. SUMMARY: 746TH PLENARY SESSION WAS HELD MORNING, APRIL 21.

MONGOLIA MADE INTERESTING, SOVIET-INSPIRED STATEMENT ON

COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB). CANADA MADE BRIEF AND

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NON-CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENT ON CTB; JAPAN COMMENTED ON

SWEDISH DRAFT TEXT ON CTB. USSR, US AND MEXICO MADE BRIEF

STATEMENTS REGARDING CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL ON PROCEDURES.

CCD ADOPTED CO-CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL AND AGREED ON

JULY 5 TO OPEN SUMMER SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. 746TH PLENARY SESSION OF CCD CONVENED MORNING, APRIL 21;

BURMESE ALTERNATE REP (U THA TUN) IN CHAIR. MONGOLIAN REP (ECDEMBILEG) MADE INTERESTING, UNDOUBTEDLY SOVIET-EDITED STATEMENT ON "THREE ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM" OF A CTB (ANTICIPATED REF C, PARA3). HE SAID CCD CAN PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN PREPARING CTB TEXT. IN LIGHT OF DELAY IN COMMENCING CTB NEGOTIATIONS, HE HAD CERTAIN COMMENTS ON SUBJECT, INCLUDING SWEDISH DRAFT TREATY. REGARDING CONTROL OR VERIFICATION, NATIONAL MEANS WERE ADEQUATE FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH CTBT, AND COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED AS PROPOSED BY USSR DRAFT CTBT THROUGH POSSIBLE ON-SITE INSPECTION WITH PERMISSION OF STATE CONCERNED. HE SAID ARTICLE III OF SWEDISH DRAFT WAS NOT ADEQUATELY CLEAR ON THIS POINT. HE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE III, PARA 2, WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER THIS INVOLVED CONTENT OF SEISMOLOGICAL INFORMATION OR WAS MEANT TO INCLUDE OTHER MEASURES, AS WELL. REFERRING TO CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, HE OBSERVED THAT ARTICLE III, PARA 4, OF THE SWEDISH TEXT RAISED QUESTIONS, SINCE SUCH COMMITTEE COULD NOT HAVE COMPETENCE TO TAKE PART IN ON-SITE INSPECTIONS. ONLY THE STATE PARTY TO THE TREATY WHICH HAD MADE THE CHALLENGE AND THE STATE CHALLENGED WOULD BE INVOLVED. REGARDING PNE'S, WHEN A CTBT ENTERED INTO EFFECT, THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY "LOOPHOLE" TO USE PNE'S TO PERFECT NUCLEAR DEVICES. THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT ALL PNE'S MUST CEASE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE, BUT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON PNE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONDUCTED SEPARATELY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THOSE ON CTBT. HE BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE THIS QUESTION IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 5 OF NPT, AS SUGGESTED IN ARTICLE III OF SOVIET DRAFT TREATY. FINALLY, HE REITERATED SOVIET POSITION THAT ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUST ADHERE TO A CTBT FOR IT TO BECOME EFFECTIVE.

3. CANADIAN REP (JAY) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT RE-EMPHASIZING GOC PAST POSITIONS ON CTB AND CALLING FOR BILATERAL ACTION ON PART OF US AND USSR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT (WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AT END OF A SPECIFIED PERIOD) TO SUSPEND UNDERGROUND TESTING PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF A CTB. HE SAID IT WAS GOC VIEW THAT CCD "IS CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF NEGOTIATING A CTBT AND IS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR SUCH NEGOTIATIONS" AND CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE START. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT VERIFICATION PROVISIONS OF TTBT/PNE AGREEMENT AND WORK OF SEISMIC GROUP WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION OF VERIFICATION PROBLEMS AND CALLED FOR INCLUSION OF PNE'S INITIALLY IN CTB "UNTIL SOME FORM OF ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AND SUPERVISION CAN BE ARRIVED AT." HE STATED THAT SEISMIC DATA COULD ONLY BE ULTIMATELY INTERPRETED BY DECISIONS OF INDIVIDUAL STATES PARTIES, NOT SOLELY BY A FORM OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. HE REFERRED FAVORABLY TO SWEDISH IDEA OF INTERIM TEST BAN PROTOCOL

AFFECTING USSR/US, AS MEANS FACILITATING AGREEMENT
WITHOUT AWAITING PARTICIPATION OTHER NWS. HE SUPPORTED
SWEDISH REP THORSSON'S VIEW THAT, UNDER CTBT, PNE'S SHOULD
BE BANNED IN PRINCIPLE UNTIL ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL
AND VERIFICATION SYSTEMS COULD BE ACHIEVED FOR PNES.

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4. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) MADE DETAILED STATEMENT ON SWEDISH
DRAFT CTB TREATY (CCD/526), BUT FIRST IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH
SWEDISH VIEW THAT CTB WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE MILITARY SECURITY
OF THE TWO MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS. RE ARTICLE I, PARA 1:
HE SUPPORTED COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, AND STATED THAT IT
WAS JAPANESE VIEW LTBT WOULD NOT LOSE FORCE AFTER CTB AND THAT
THIS WAS DESIRABLE. RE ARTICLE I, PARA 4, AND ART VII,
PARA 4: HE SAW NO NEED FOR TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT. IN
THIS RESPECT HE AGAIN URGED NUCLEAR TEST MORATORIUM OR

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SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF 150 KT THRESHOLD. RE ART II: HE AGREED WITH SWEDISH VIEW THAT NO PNE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED UNLESS AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON AN INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION AND CONTROL SYSTEM WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT NO WEAPON TESTING CAN BE CONDUCTED IN NAME OF PNE. HOWEVER, JAPANESE INTERPRETATION OF WORDS OF THIS ARTICLE WAS THAT BOTH NUCLEAR WEAPON AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES MAY EACH POSSESS NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR PNE PROJECTS. THIS WAS AT VARIANCE WITH THE NPT AND THIS MATTER SHOULD BE RESOLVED. ART II SHOULD BE MODIFIED SO THAT PNE ARE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ART V OF NPT. FINALLY, HE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON PNE PROVISION COULD DELAY CTB. RE ART III: IT IS JAPANESE VIEW THAT EACH COUNTRY SHOULD NOT MAKE ITS OWN JUDGMENT ON SEISMIC DATA, BUT SEISMIC DATA SHOULD BE ANALYZED AT INTERNATIONAL DATA CENTER AND IF QUESTIONABLE EVENT HAS OCCURRED, THIS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. NEXT, ON-SITE INSPECTION SHOULD NOT BE ONLY BY CHALLENGE, BUT BE OBLIGATORY UNDER CERTAIN PROCEDURES; FOR EXAMPLE, IF CLARIFICATION OF DATA IS NOT OBTAINED FROM COUNTRY UNDER SUSPICION, AND MAJORITY OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE VOTES FOR INSPECTION. RE ART IX: HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THIS ARTICLE COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND WAS UNNECESSARY; WITHDRAWAL WAS ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR BY ARTICLE VIII. FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES HE SAID CCD SHOULD WORK OUT DRAFT "OR AT LEAST PRINCIPLES OF IMPORTANT ITEMS" AND PRESENT TO UNGA. THEN NEGOTIATE TREATY, IF POSSIBLE AT UN; OR IF NOT POSSIBLE, RETURN DRAFT WITH COMMENTS, TO CCD FOR FINAL NEGOTIATION.

5. CCD PROCEDURES: CO-CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL ON PROCEDURES (REF A) WAS SUBMITTED TO CCD FOR DECISION. USSR AND US REPS (LIKHACHEV AND MEYERS) MADE BRIEF POSITIVE EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) MADE STATEMENT ANNOUNCING NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL BUT ALSO USED OPPORTUNITY TO SAY HE ANTICIPATED RE-INTRODUCTION OF MEXICAN-INITIATED PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT WORKING

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GROUP (CONTAINED CCD/530) AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE WHEN CONSENSUS COULD BE MORE EASILY OBTAINED. HE ALSO REITERATED MEXICAN POSITION ON CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, SUGGESTING THAT US AND USSR MIGHT WISH TO MAKE AN "ELEGANT GESTURE" AND RENOUNCE THEIR CO-CHAIRMAN POSITIONS.

CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL WAS THEN ADOPTED.

6. CCD TOOK DECISION TO OPEN SUMMER SESSION ON JULY 5.
MEXICAN REP, IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, MADE BRIEF STATEMENT
PLACING ON RECORD UNDERSTANDING (REF B) THAT IN PRINCIPLE,
IF CONDITIONS IN AUGUST WARRANTED CONTINUING, CCD MIGHT
EXTEND SUMMER SESSION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10.

7. NEXT PLENARY MEETING WILL BE MORNING, APRIL 26.
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